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Hello John,

You are likely aware that EPA issued a permit for four Class I injection wells at the Elk Hills Power Plant in Kern Co. back in 2001. One well has subsequently been plugged and abandoned, however three wells are still injecting process-related fluids into the Tulare Formation in the Elk Hills field. As part of our review of the operator's renewal application we discovered that these wells are injecting into a formation that is not exempt. This situation is nearly identical to the statewide Class II issue, except these are the only three wells in CA that EPA has permitted that are injecting into a non -exempt aquifer. There are quite a few Class II wells in close proximity to these three wells that are injecting Class II fluids into the same formation, and you may have already conducted this type of survey for DOGGR, but to be consistent we are requesting this information as well.

Specifically, EPA would like the Water Board to conduct a well inventory survey in the vicinity of these three Class I wells, similar to the effort underway for the Class II wells. The wells are located in Section 18, T. 31S, R 24E, NW ¼ in Kern County, CA. Attached is a map. The Class I wells are 25A-18G; 35A-18G and 35-18G.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your help with this.

Sincerely,

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